

**U.S. DISTRICT COURT**  
**U.S. District Court, Western District of New York (Buffalo)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-00417-RJA**

Pickering v. U.S. Department of Justice et al  
Assigned to: Hon. Richard J. Arcara

Related Cases: 1:14-cv-00330-RJA-LGF  
1:19-cv-00001-LGF  
1:19-cv-00319-LGF

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

**Plaintiff**

**Leslie James Pickering**

Date Filed: 03/31/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/31/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against All Defendants \$ 400 receipt number 0209-3405676, filed by Leslie James Pickering. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons)(Kuzma, Michael) (Entered: 03/31/2019)
04/01/2019		Case assigned to Hon. Richard J. Arcara. Notification to Chambers of on-line civil case opening. (SG) (Entered: 04/01/2019)
04/01/2019		Notice of Availability of Magistrate Judge: A United States Magistrate of this Court is available to conduct all proceedings in this civil action in accordance with 28 U.S.C. 636c and FRCP 73. The Notice, Consent, and Reference of a Civil Action to a Magistrate Judge form (AO-85) is available for download at <a href="http://www.uscourts.gov/services-forms/forms">http://www.uscourts.gov/services-forms/forms</a> . (SG) (Entered: 04/01/2019)
04/01/2019		AUTOMATIC REFERRAL to Mediation The ADR Plan is available for download at <a href="http://www.nywd.uscourts.gov/alternative-dispute-resolution">http://www.nywd.uscourts.gov/alternative-dispute-resolution</a> (SG) (Entered: 04/01/2019)

04/01/2019	<u>2</u>	Summons Issued as to U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Department of Justice (Attachments: # <u>1</u> summons issued) (SG) (Entered: 04/01/2019)
04/19/2019	<u>3</u>	AFFIDAVIT of Service for Summons and Complaint served on Mark Witzleben, United States Attorney's Office, on April 12, 2019, filed by Leslie James Pickering. (Kuzma, Michael) (Entered: 04/19/2019)
04/19/2019	<u>4</u>	AFFIDAVIT of Service for Summons and Complaint served on U. S. Department of Homeland Security on April 12, 2019, filed by Leslie James Pickering. (Kuzma, Michael) (Entered: 04/19/2019)
07/04/2019	<u>5</u>	AFFIDAVIT of Service for Summons and Complaint <i>on U. S. Department of Justice</i> served on Mark Witzleben, United States Attorney's Office, on June 18, 2019, filed by Leslie James Pickering. (Kuzma, Michael) (Entered: 07/04/2019)
07/25/2019	<u>6</u>	AFFIDAVIT of Service for Summons and Complaint <i>on U. S. Department of Justice</i> on July 23, 2019, filed by Leslie James Pickering. (Kuzma, Michael) (Entered: 07/25/2019)
08/15/2019	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to <u>1</u> Complaint by U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.(Cerrone, Michael) Modified on 8/16/2019 to add filer (SG). (Entered: 08/15/2019)
08/16/2019		E-Filing Notification: <u>7</u> ANSWER to <u>1</u> Complaint Modified on 8/16/2019 to add filer U.S. Department of Homeland Security (SG). (SG) (Entered: 08/16/2019)
08/16/2019		ADR Plan electronically forwarded to attorneys. The ADR Plan is available for download at <a href="http://www.nywd.uscourts.gov/alternative-dispute-resolution">http://www.nywd.uscourts.gov/alternative-dispute-resolution</a> .(SG) (Entered: 08/16/2019)